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which leaves the University victorious by 12 points to nil, and me with my eyes opened.

I think I have fairly established my proposition that football, especially Rugby football, may fairly claim to be called the 'Manly Game,' by anyone who wishes to indulge his bad taste in that direction. One must be strong as a bull, tough as whipcord, active as a kitten, braver than several lions, unless the beasts have been maligned, and, in fact, possess many qualities I lack. Moreover the game is essentially unfeminine.

I am no decrier of the athletic English girl. She need not be 'eleven stone-two, and five foot ten in her dancing shoes,' but strong and healthy she should be. Let her follow all suitable sports, even cricket; but ladies' cricket is, after all, only a skiffle. Still she can fence—very closely; cast her flies as lightly as anyone; to say nothing of golfing, hunting, playing hockey, tennis, &c., &c. But football she should leave severely alone. Association is grotesque, ungraceful, unattractive, and—unfeminine. What would Rugby be?

Of course I am only speaking of English football. On the other side of the Atlantic, the game seems to verge on the brutal. Over here it is considered sufficient to attend to the min with the ball, and at most to hinder anyone who is obviously becoming dangerous. But in the States, if you happen to think that a man may at any time become dangerous, or merely your *en-courager les autres*, you may, and do, jump at him, fling him down, pound him, and half wring his neck. If the same idea occurs to two or three men simultaneously, the centre of their attentions has rather a poor time of it.

They manage things differently in France. I am especially loth to say anything against anything approaching downright manly sport on the part of our neighbours; but their ideas of football differ from ours. Our players, as a rule, keep all their breath for the game, but the only visiting team I ever saw—well, they chattered and laughed, and yelled the whole time, till half our men and all the spectators were speechless with laughter. However, here a more power to them. It's the best sign we've seen on that side of the Channel for a long time.

Talking of speechlessness, did anyone see the last Oxford and Cambridge Rugby match? Oxford lost one man early, and the Cambridge pack were showing the Dark Blues about. At twenty minutes from the end of the game, Cambridge were again told to go to nil (0 points), and then, all of a sudden, the Oxford pack beat them. That came the first Dark Blue victory, brilliant bit of passing, and a narrow margin before time waited. The Oxford team, who were the second goal, was beaten, and Oxford won by 10 points to nil.

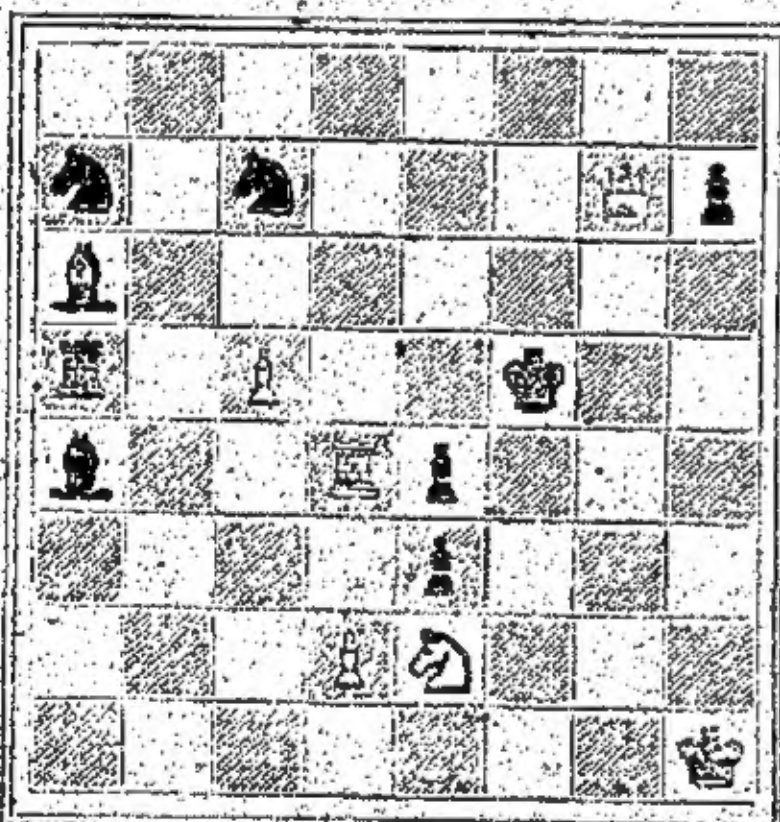
Heavens! What a shindy there was! I was deaf for the rest of the day, and hoarse for a week. It was the grandest match I have ever seen, as I declared in inaudible shouts on my way home. I am not good at lip reading, but I fancy my companion was doing the same.

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Problem No. 37.
Black 15 Pieces.



White 17 Pieces.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution to Problem No. 36 by A. Regio.

White. Black.
1 R-B4 P-B3
2 B-B4 P-B3
3 Kt-Q3 mate KxP
1 R-B4 P-B3
2 R-B4 P-B3
3 Kt-Q3 mate KxP

Correct solutions from G. R. T. and B. B.

B. B.—I made a mistake through a mis-reading of the position. But still I cannot see how you overlooked the following play:

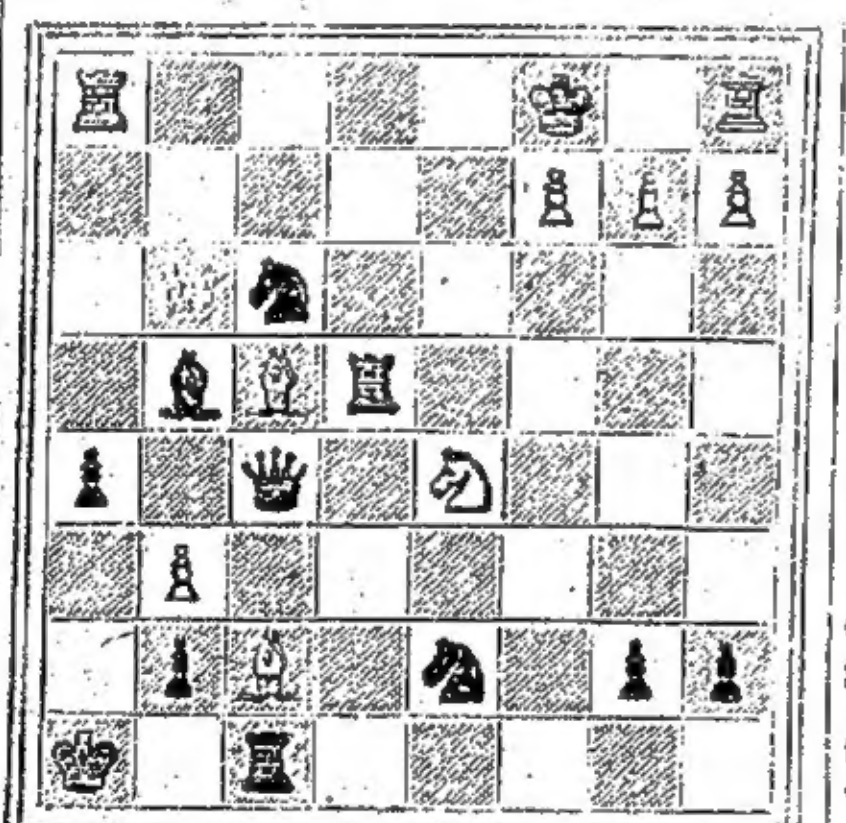
White. Black.
1 R-B4 P-B3
2 Q-Kt2 ch Q-B3
3 QxQ mate

Have another look at No. 34 before you say it is a dead end and no result.

Mr. Ellsbery, whose retirement from the chess world is announced, challenges Mr. J. J. J. to one final struggle for the chess championship of the world.

In the match recently contested at Cambridge between 15 ladies and 15 members of the University, Mrs. Bowles was paired at the top board with Mr. J. E. Wright, the senior wrangler of last year, the gentleman having the White men. The position occurred which is shown on the accompanying diagram, it being the lady's turn to move:—

White (Mr. Wright)



Black (Mrs. Bowles)

Mrs. Bowles won as follows:—
Black. White.
1 R-B4 P-B3
2 Kt-B4 R-Q4
3 Kt-Q6 ch RxB
4 R-K8 ch KxR
5 RxB ch KxR
6 Q-Q6 ch K-B3
7 Q-B8 ch K-B2
8 B-B4 ch K-Kt3
9 Q-R4 ch Kt-Kt4
10 Kt-Q4 ch PxB
11 B-B7 ch K-R3
12 Q-R5 mate.

To the following game, played in the second tourney of the Baltic Chess Association, the second brilliancy prize was awarded. The score and notes are from *Les Strateges*, which cites from the *Eclair* of Tientsin:—

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENCE.
White. Black.
Mons. Rosenkrantz. Mons. S. Luria.
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3 B-B4 K-B3
4 P-Q4 PxB
5 Castles KtXP
6 R-K4 Q-Q4
7 B-P QxB
8 Kt-QB3 Q-Q4
9 RxB ch B-K2
10 Kt-QKt5 (6) P-KB4 (6)
11 R-K2 P-QR3
12 Kt (B3) x Q P Kt x Kt
13 QxK QxQ
14 BxQ K-B2
15 B-B4 P-QB4
16 Kt-KB3 R-KB3
17 B-K5 (6) R-K3
18 Q-R4 P-B3
19 B-B4 P-B3
20 P-QKt5 B-Q4
21 RxB RxB
22 RxB RxB

23 Kt-Q2 P-QKt4
24 P-KB3 P-QB3
25 K-B2 (6) P-B6
26 Kt-KB3 P-KB3
27 P-KKt3 P-QR4
28 P-K (6) RxB
29 Kt-K3 (6) K-Q2
30 K-R6 P-QKt3
31 K-Q4 P-QR5
32 R-B4 K-K3
33 Kt-Q4 K-B4
34 P-KR4 K-B4
35 P-KR5 KxB
36 Kt-KB2 KxP
37 Kt-Q4 P-KR3

And Mons. Rosenkrantz resigned.
(a) The *Handbuch* recommends 10 Kt takes P. It seems preferable to the move now.
(b) If 10... P to Q6, then 11 B to KB4.
(c) There is more of safety in 17 Kt to K5 ch; but M. Rosenkrantz was playing to win.
(d) With an excellent position. The double P which restricts the movements of the Knight, are very strong.
(e) 25 P takes P would make sure of the draw; the move actually played gives Black good attacking chances.
(f) If M. Rosenkrantz had suspected the malicious design of his opponent, he would have played 28 K to K2.
(g) If 29 R takes R, then 29... P to QR5; and Black would win easily.

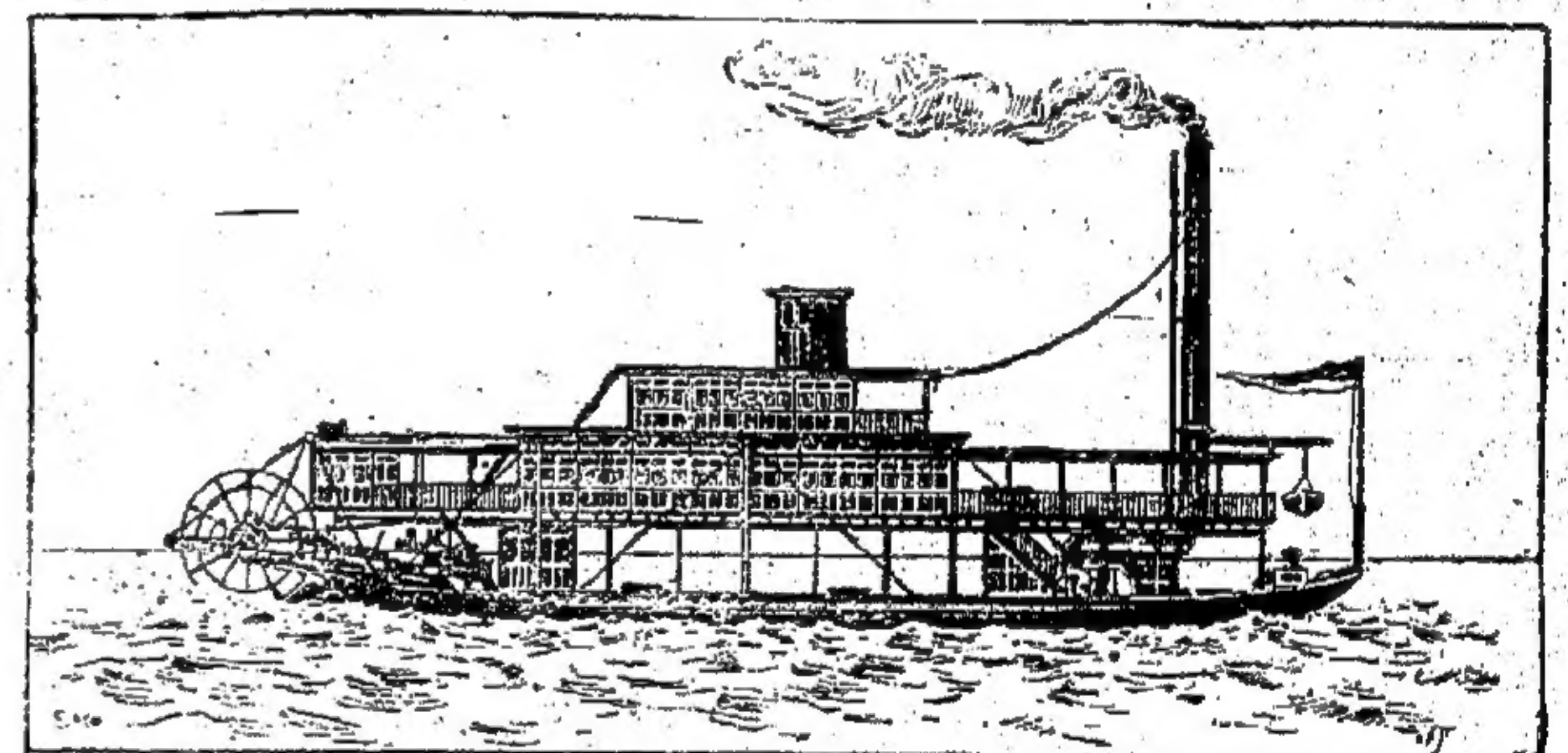
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